

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

CHRISTOPH KRELL 1626

APPLICATION NO: 10/588,169

FILED: AUGUST 2, 2006

FOR: COUPLING REACTIONS USEFUL IN THE PREPARATION OF (1H-TETRAZOL-5-YL)BIPHENYL DERIVATIVES

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

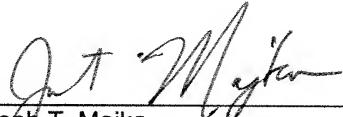
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of January 9, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 9, 2009. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,



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